

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (Currently Amended) An authorization device comprising:
a computer information storage section to store information of computers for each one of the computers including unique data which uniquely identify each of the computers;
~~an~~ a unique data receiving section to receive, from any of said computers, ~~said~~ unique data ~~of the computers~~ a computer; and
a computer searching section to search said information of the computer corresponding to said received unique data from said computer information storage section; and
a communication determining section to determine whether a particular communication with said computers is possible or not, depending on said information of the computers.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) An authorization device comprising:
~~an~~ a unique data receiving section to receive, from computers, unique data which uniquely identify said computers;
a user information storage section to store unique user data indicating a user who can use one of said computers corresponding to said each unique data, and a password related to each of the unique user data; and
an authorizing section to authorize the user on the basis of said unique data received by said unique data receiving section, ~~and said unique user data~~ and the password stored in said user information storage section.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer comprising:
a unique data storage section to store unique data identifiable computers;
an external reference storage region which can be referenced by external computers, which is an area where a cookie information is stored;

a unique data copying section to copy said unique data stored in said unique data storage section to said external reference storage region; and

a unique data transmitting section to transmit said unique data stored in said external reference storage region to the external computers.

5. (Currently Amended) A communication system communicating between a server and clients, comprising:

a unique data storage section included in ~~at least one of~~ said clients to store unique data which uniquely identify the clients;

a unique data transmitting section included in ~~at least one of~~ said clients to transmit said unique data to the server;

a client information storage section included in said server to store information of said client for said each unique data;

a unique data receiving section included in said server to receive said unique data from any of the clients; and

a client searching section included in said server to search information of said client corresponding to said received unique data on the basis of said client information storage section for authorizing communication between the server and the clients based on said information of the clients.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program which, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform operations comprising:

receiving, from an external computer, unique data which uniquely identify said external computer; ~~and~~

searching information of said external computer corresponding to said received unique data from a computer information storage section ~~to store that stores the~~ information of the external computer for each unique data; and

determining whether a particular communication between the computer and said external computer is possible or not, depending on said searched information of said external computer.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program which, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform operations comprising:

receiving, from an external computer, unique data₁ which uniquely identify said external computer; and

authorizing a user on the basis of said received unique data₁ and unique user data₂ stored in a user information storage section, ~~data-indicating whether the user who can use said external computer corresponding to each unique data for each unique data, and a password~~ stored in the user information storage section related to each of the unique data.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program which, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform operations comprising:

reading unique data which uniquely identify computers from a unique data storage section storing said unique data; and

copying said unique data to an external reference storage region which is an area where cookie information is stored, and which can be referenced from external computers.

10. (Currently Amended) An authorization device, comprising:
a unique data receiving section to receive, from a computer, unique data which uniquely identify said computer; and

an authorizing section to authorize said computer to perform a service on the basis of said received unique data.

11. (Currently Amended) An authorization method comprising:
receiving, from an external computer, unique data which identify said external computer;
and

searching information of said external computer corresponding to said received unique data from a computer information storage section ~~to store which stores~~ information of the external computer for each unique data; and

determining whether the computer is able and authorized to perform a service.

12. (Currently Amended) The authorization device according to claim-2_1, wherein said information of the computer ~~are includes~~ includes information of a type or a model of said computer for identifying ~~function-functions~~ functions of said computer.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (New) A server providing services to a plurality of clients, comprising:
a storage section that stores information related to each of the clients in connection with unique data uniquely identifying each client;
a data receiving section that receives the unique data of a client from the client; and
a searching section that searches the storage section based on the unique data received by the data receiving section, and obtains the information related to the client,
wherein the server determines whether the client is able to provide a particular service or not, and provides the particular service to the client if the client is able to provide the particular service.

15. (New) The server according to claim 14, wherein:
the storage section stores a type or a model of clients; and
the server determines whether the client is able to provide a particular service or not based on the type or the model of the client.

16. (New) A server providing services to a plurality of clients, comprising:
a storage section that stores information related to each of the clients in connection with unique data uniquely identifying each clients;
a data receiving section that receives a registration request and the unique data of a client, from the client; and
a searching section that searches the information related to the client in the storage section based on the unique data received by the data receiving section,
wherein the server determines whether the client is able to provide a particular service or not, and registers the client or a user using the client when it is determined that the client is able to provide the particular service.

17. (New) The communication system according to claim 5, wherein:
the client information storage section stores information related to types or functions of the clients; and
the client searching section searches the information related to the types or functions of the clients for authorizing communication between the server and the clients.